THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) Government is not aware of any proposal from State Government to set up Corporations to collect overseas bonds from NRIs to start shipping services between two States by importing ships from foreign NRI collection. All such proposals, when received, are duly considered.

इन्दिरा गांधी नहर

3523. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**

सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है इन्दिरा गांधी नहर परियोजना के निर्माण का दूसरा चरण भी पूरा हो चुका है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो परियोजना के इस चरण के पूरा होने से क्या इस क्षेत्र की सिंचाई क्षमता में वृद्धि हुई है;

(ग) इस परियोजना के माध्यम से कितने क्षेत्र भूमि को सिंचाई का लाभ मिलने की संभावना है;

(घ) क्या इस क्षमता का उपयोग शुरू हो गया है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो जून, 1990 तक कुल कितने प्रतिशत क्षमता का उपयोग संभव हो सका है और इसकी क्षमता के पूरा-पूरा उपयोग का लक्ष्य कब तक प्राप्त कर लिए जाने की संभावना है?

वस्त्र मंत्री साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव) : (क) से (ङ) इन्दिरा गांधी नहर परियोजना दो चरणों में कार्यान्वित की जा रही है । इस नहर का पहला चरण पहले ही पूरा हो चुका है और 5.78 लाख हेक्टेयर की डिजाइन क्षमता के 96 प्रतिशत का उपयोग किया गया है। परियोजना के दूसरे चरण की मुख्य नहर भी पूरी हो गई है। वितरण प्रणाली जल मार्गों और दूसरे चरण में क्षेत्र के विकास से सम्बन्धित कार्य प्रगति पर है । 8.10 लाख हेक्टेयर की डिजाइन क्षमता में से 1.51 लाख हेक्टेयर की क्षमता मार्च, 1990 तक सृजित की गई है तथा वर्ष 1990-91 के लिए 0.59 लाख हेक्टेयर की क्षमता सृजित करने का लक्ष्य है । वर्ष 1989-90 में वास्तविक सिंचाई 16,000 हेक्टेयर थी क्योंकि उपनिवेशन (कोलोनाइजेशन) कार्यक्रम अभी शुरू किया जाना है । राजस्थान सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि धन राशि की उपलब्धता के अध्यधीन, दसवीं योजना तक परियोजना को पूरा कर दिया जाएगा ।

Ratio of Loans Granted for Agriculture and Industrial Purposes by Banks in Andhra Pradesh

3524. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ratio of loans granted to poor farmers by banks in Andhra Pradesh is very low in comparison to loans granted for industrial purposes;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the amount of loans granted to farmers and industrialist and for other purposes by the banks in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, yearwise and bankwise;

(d) whether any instruction has been given to the State Government or to the banks in Andhra Pradesh by the Union Government to sanction more loans to farmers and for small scale industries and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (e) The loans outstanding of the Commercial

banks from farmers as on 31-12-1988 latest available in the State of Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 1827 crores and the same from small scale industries was Rs. 807 crores. The loans disbursed for agriculture and small scale industries (SSI) in the State during the last three years is as under :

(Rs. in Crores)

	S.S.I.	Agriculture
Year ending December, 1987 . . .	197.09	1080.4
Year ending March, 1989 . . .	183.05	1234.4
Year ending March, 1990. . . .	150.94	1086.9 (upto Dec., 89)

Reserve Bank of India has prescribed liberalised security and margin norms for advances to agriculture and allied activities. No margin is required to be taken for loans upto 10,000/- where moveable assets are created and for crop loans the banks have been advised by Reserve Bank of India not to ask for collateral security by way of mortgage of land or third party guarantee.

Income-tax Exemption for Contributions Towards Chief Minister's Relief Fund

3525. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to fully exempt the contribution towards Chief Ministers' Relief Fund from Income-tax; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) A proposal was received from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh seeking 100% exemption under section 80G of the Income-tax Act, for the donations to Chief Minister's Fund so as to enable people to contribute liberally for reliefs to cyclone affected people of Andhra Pradesh. After consideration of the proposal, the Government has advised the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to consider having a "Andhra Pradesh Cyclone Relief Programme" as part of the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. The contributions to the Andhra Pradesh Cyclone Relief Programme could be routed through the Prime Minister's Relief Fund with a specific request that these be used for the purposes of the Andhra Pradesh Cyclone Relief Programme. The funds so mobilised could then be transferred by the Prime Minister's Relief Fund to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Since, contributions to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund are eligible for 100 per cent deduction under section 80G of the Income-tax Act, any contribution in the aforesaid manner will also be eligible for 100 per cent deduction under section 80G of the Income-tax Act.

Cracks in the State Trading Corporation's Building

3526. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the STC's 23-storeyed building in New Delhi has developed cracks in three floors;

(b) whether Government have received the CBI report after investigating certain disquietening features in the construction of the said building; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the concerned officials ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) Based on the review of the structural design of the building, M/s. Engineers India Ltd. and the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi has indicated the